



Biography: Democrat, of Onondaga; born March 18, 1954, in Jackson, Michigan; associate's degree, Lansing Community College; B.S., cum laude, Michigan State University; served as an Ingham County Commissioner for eight years; chaired the Ingham County Board of Commissioners' Law and Courts Committee for three years; vice chair, Tri-County Metro Narcotics Governmental Board; member, Greater Lansing Chamber of Commerce, South Lansing Business Association; Distinguished Alumnus Award, Lansing Community College, 1995; actively engaged in the retail hardware business in Leslie since 1983, Stockbridge since 1990; delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business; elected to the House of Representatives, 1990, 1992; elected to the State Senate, 1994, 1998. Democratic Caucus Chair, 1995-1998; elected to the House of Representatives, 2002, 2004, House Democratic Leader.

